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RED DOG MINE

from <http://www.reddogalaska.com> - Media-Fact Sheet

"In operation since 1989, Red Dog Mine is a zinc-lead mine and is the world's largest producer of zinc concentrate.

"Red Dog Mine is located in Northwest Alaska in the DeLong Mountains of the Brooks Range, 82 miles north of Kotzebue, 55 miles from the Chukchi Sea, and 106 miles above the Arctic Circle. It is situated within the Northwest Arctic Borough. The mine is self-reliant, with power generation, an airport, worker housing and ocean shipping facilities.



from www.ibew.org

"The mine was developed under an innovative operating agreement between NANA Regional Corporation (NANA), a Native corporation owned by the Inupiat people of Northwest Alaska, and Teck Cominco Alaska, a U.S. subsidiary of Teck Cominco Ltd., a diversified mining and metals company and significant producer of copper, gold and specialty metals, headquartered in Vancouver, Canada.

"Red Dog Mine is an open-pit truck-and-loader operation, using conventional drill and blast mining methods. The mineral processing facilities use conventional grinding and sulfide flotation methods to produce zinc and lead concentrates. Product from the mine is shipped to Teck Cominco's metallurgical facilities in British Columbia, Canada and to customers in Asia and Europe. Due to the arctic conditions, the concentrate is stored at the port facility in Alaska's largest buildings and is shipped to customers during a 100 day season that occurs from July to October each year.

"Red Dog Mine provides 475 full-time family supporting jobs and creates close to 80 temporary jobs annually. The 2007 payroll was \$48.9 million. The mine is committed to the development and integration of the local work force - NANA shareholders make up nearly 55% of the mine's employees.



"Red Dog Mine is a key contributor to the regional economy, providing significant economic benefits to the State of Alaska and the Native populations in the region and throughout the state. From 1990-2007, Red Dog Mine provided \$540 million in benefits to the regional economy, including wages, joint venture contracts, payments in lieu of taxes and direct royalty payments to NANA.

<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/oed/minerals/mining.htm>
Office of Economic Development

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS PRICES REALIZED

Our thanks go to Jim Kulas of Red Dog/Teck Cominco for allowing us to use information from their website. Red Dog is an important part of the economy of NW Alaska, and an example of the role mining plays in the economy of the entire state.

We have had the photocopies of the Red Dog Medals around for years, and always wanted to combine them into an article. Long time subscribers will recognize a few from our issue on gold and platinum Alaska medals. The others have popped up from time to time as they became known to us.

Sadly, many scans are from photocopies (and even photocopies of photocopies) and not of the best quality. But I think they are good enough for our purpose, which is to ferret out any other Red Dog Mine medals that might be out there.

And we would really like to see one from that other Teck-Cominco project in Alaska - Pogo Mine down by Delta Junction!

Thanks to David Phillips who once again provides our "**Money to Burn**" column. He is thinking of making another pilgrimage to the great interior of Alaska next summer, and we look forward to seeing him and his wife Betty.

If your January issue was misprinted (we noted one with two page 3s and no page 4), please let us know.

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Palmer , ARRC, \$1, B-1f, PCGS-61	137.56
Palmer , ARRC, \$5, B-1g	198.49
Palmer , ARRC, \$10, B-1h	195.00OB
Palmer , ARRC, set of 7, less \$5	RLOB700.00NB
Port Alexander , Dalso, set of 3, B-2 a-c	OB95.00NB
Port Alexander , Dalso, set of 3, B-2 a-c	RLOB85.00NB
Seward , Pioneer Club, 12½¢, B-10aI	OB75.00NB
Shakan , AK Fish & Lumber, 5¢, unl.	725.00BIN
Tenakee , Tillicum Club, 6¼¢, B-5a	195.00OB
Yakutat , St. Elias Pkg., 5¢, B-2a	OB195.00NB
Yes Bay , AK Pacific Fisheries, 5¢, B-3a	OB75.00NB
(Dawson) , Kilgore & Landahl	OB99.99NB
AYPE , ½ DWT	103.61
AYPE , 1 DWT	178.00
AYPE set of three, ICG slabbed 58, 50, 62	OB1,500.00
AK Gold , 1902, ¼ Pinch oct., NGC-62	425.00
AK Gold , 1901, ¼ Pinch round, ugly head	800.00
AK Gold , 1901, ¼ Pinch round, PCGS-62	OB495.00NB
AYPE encased cent, potty	31.99
AYPE encased cent, potty	98.00
AYPE encased cent, potty	12.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist
 RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn
 BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

SHAKAN, ALASKA TOKEN



Alaska Fish & Lumber Company, good for 5¢ in Cash or Mdse. Aluminum, size not reported.

Sold on eBay as a Buy It Now for \$725. Pretty bad condition. I thought we had seen this denomination before, but I could not find in our less than perfect 30 year index.

RED DOG MINE, CONT.

“Red Dog Mine invests in education, youth, health and cultural organizations in nearby communities that are home to our employees. In 2007, the mine contributed nearly \$1.2 million to support regional programs.”

Ed. Note: For more detailed and technical information, go to - <http://www.infomine.com/minesite/minesite.asp?site=reddog>

There have been several medals previously reported, and we would like to bring them all together in one place, and perhaps if there are others, readers can let us know.



Red Dog Celebration, 1990. ½ ounce silver, 34mm. Originally reported Feb. 1999.



Production Rate Increase/Port Site Loading Facility, 1997. 1 ounce silver. Originally reported Sept./Oct. 1999.



Red Dog Mine with bull dog riding whale, undated (1987). An unknown number struck in gold, 4 in platinum, silver and bronze. Designed and marketed by Joe De Silva. Originally reported Aug./Sept. 2000.



Red Dog Mine with bull dog riding whale, 1988. 8 struck in gold, silver and bronze. Designed and marketed by Joe De Silva. Reported Aug./Sept. 2000.



Red Dog Mine with bull dog riding whale, 1989. 8 struck in gold, silver and bronze. Designed and marketed by Joe De Silva. Reported Aug./Sept. 2000. De Silva reportedly struck 25 in bronze and 200-300 of the silver for each year.



Red Dog Mine, Quality Lead/Zinc Producer, 2004. One ounce silver. Originally reported Sept. 2006.



Red Dog Mine, Thanks a Million. One ounce silver enameled with red, white, green, and blue. Originally reported Dec. 2007.

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MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



ANCHORAGE: Defence Courier Service, Home of the Iditarod Couriers, Serving the Last Frontier. Light blue, dark blue, black, white and gold on silver (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ALASKA: 28 OG/CC, Global Power for America, Integrity, Service, Excellence, Guardian of the North. Gold with red, white, blue, yellow and other colors (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



EIELSON AFB: Chaplain Service, Northernmost Chapel. Brass with light blue, dark blue, green, yellow and gray enamel, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



U.S.S. ANCHORAGE: LSD-36, 15 Mar 1969 - 10 Oct 2003. Decommissioning medal? Brass plated, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most Challenge Coins are about 38 to 40mm. Some are larger, some smaller. All are shown at about 38mm, but this may not be actual size. Actual size is noted where known. If the enamel is shown "on gold" or "on silver", this should be assumed to be gold colored or silver colored and not the actual metal.



EIELSON AFB: Detachment 460. In God we trust, all others we monitor. Bronze with red and blue enamel, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

KODIAK BICENTENNIAL



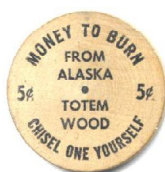
EIELSON AFB: Top of the World Chiefs Group, Chief Master Sergeant. Light blue and dark blue on silver (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



Nice view of Kodiak on obverse, important dates on the reverse, 1792-1992. Bronze, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

MONEY TO BURN

by David Phillips



HOT & COLD

A bit of whimsy perhaps, but this article is going to highlight two extremes - Hot & Cold.

Firstly - Chena Hot Springs



These hot springs, first discovered in 1905, 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks, were developed by 1911 as a resort destination, and have been continually upgraded over the years. Today it boasts indoor and outdoor pools, a full service hotel and many supplementary activities.

A wooden advertising token issued by the Hot Springs Hostel has been around for some time. Enquiries at the present hotel did not turn up any knowledge as to who (or where) the Hostel's issuers might be. More in-depth research is needed, but nevertheless, the wood does exist (editor's note: this probably dates from the 70s or 80s).

Secondly - Cold Bay

Cold Bay is a small town located on a bay at the western tip of the Alaska peninsula, 634 miles southwest of Anchorage. The Aleutian Islands extend westerly beyond this point.

In 1978, 1979 and 1980, Mr. Allan "Tuck" Mallory organized Canada geese hunts from Cold Bay. To advertise these hunts he had 500 woods made by the Elbee Co. of San Antonio, Texas, for each of these three years. He gave the woods out liberally to hunters, friends, token collectors and others met at gun and outdoor shows.

Only 69 people at a time were able to go, and were flown to Cold Bay from Anchorage. Hunters either camped outside or could sleep in sleeping bags on the floor of the local Volcano Club. Hunters could rent cars or trucks to get to the hunting areas. It was a truly rustic experience.



The 1978 obverse does not have the word "Aleutian" above the goose, nor the words "Canada Goose" below the goose. The design and lettering can be either dark blue or black (eg; two different woods).

The 1979 wood has red design and letter, while the 1980 has a green design and lettering.

My sincere thanks to Tuck, who, in 2005 supplied me with the above information (and more).

IDITAROD BACK ISSUES

In 1990, 1991 and 1992, the entire mintages (2,000) were not struck, and they were produced on an "as needed" basis.

So, when we ordered these three years, in 1993, they were produced with the new die stating a limited edition of 5,000. Mintages with the wrong die are 1990 (152), 1991 (25) and 1992 (25). These are priced respectively at \$75, \$100 and \$100. We will offer a special price of \$160 for a set of three.

We also have the 1991 with the correct, limited to 2,000 die available. See below for pricing.



PRICES:

1991, correct die, regularly \$75, **Special - \$45**
 1997 to 2007; regularly \$65, **Special - \$45**
 2008; issue price \$75, **Special - \$65**
 2008 Gold Relief; issue price \$100, **Special - \$85**

Limited to stock on hand.
 Please include \$5 per order for shipping.

2009 IDITAROD MEDALS



The 2009 Iditarod medals have recently been released. These are priced as follows:

Proof; suggested price \$74.99, our price - \$65

Gold relief; suggested price \$99.99, our price - \$85

Please include \$5 per order for shipping.

IDITAROD CHAMPION

This is an odd batch of medals. We have no knowledge of these. Are there earlier issues? Later? We just don't know. These four medals are all we have seen.

All have their winning times and carry the seal of the state of Alaska on the reverse (each year is slightly different).

One of the 1995 medals is in an odd case, with literature from "Alaska Fine Silver and Gold" stating the mintage is limited to 1161. Our regular price for this medal is \$75. We are offering it for \$50.

Another 1995 (Doug Swingley), and the 1996 (Jeff King) and 1997 (Martin Buser) have no literature and are in standard Alaska Mint cases. Our regular price on these three combined is \$175. We are offering this "set" for \$125. Please include \$5 per order for shipping.



1959 TRADE DOLLAR UPDATE!

While examining more 1959 Trade Dollars, I found a couple of Variety 2 (die break through star) with a medal turn. These are also thick like Variety 4. In looking closer, I found a difference in the dies to distinguish the Variety 2 from Variety 4.

The dot or small "o" below the th of 49th is different, and placed differently. See the scans below.



Variety 2



Variety 4

RED DOG MINE, CONT.



The designs above were paired with the bull dog on riding whale with map die by Joe De Silva. These are shown at a reduced size. These have not been in the newsletter before, but we have known of these since at least 1989.

It appears that all of these were produced by the Northwest Territorial Mint in Auburn, Washington, with the possible exception of the 1/2 ounce piece.

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: The Cabin Tavern, 1.⁰⁰ Credit. Gold on white plastic, about 39mm.



FOX: Turtle Club, good for one drink. Black on white plastic, about 39mm (submitted by Ken Rieck).



ANCHORAGE: Pink Elephant Car Wash. Free tickets to UAA hockey game. Obverse has a pink business name and elephant in blue/green water with black lettering. The reverse has a green and yellow seawolf with black lettering.



SKAGWAY: Gateway to the Klondike. Similar to other Skagway medals, this does not look familiar. Brass, size not reported.



EAGLE RIVER: Eagle River Lions Club Den, good for one drink. Aluminum, size not reported.



WASILLA: Mug-Shot Saloon, Good for one more. Black on wood.



EAGLE RIVER/EKLUTNA: Tip's 1 & 2, good for one drink. Black on wood.



LOCATION UNKNOWN: but probably not Alaska! Really cute wooden token from North Polar Express Ice Cream Truck. "North Polar Express" is printed in red, the rest of the printing is black.

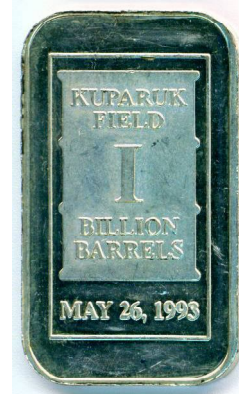
A FEW ODD BITS OF SILVER



(FAIRBANKS): (Seekins Ford-Lincoln-Mercury). We had these made on short notice, hence no special die. Only 100 or so were made. Quite scarce - \$30.



ALASKA: 100th Anniversary of Flight, 1903-2003. Now what this has to do with Alaska, we don't know, but the Alaska Mint made a very nice medal for the occasion. This one is proof with gold relief - \$45



KUPARUK FIELD: 1 Billion Barrels, May 26, 1993. OK, this is over 15 years old, and this is the first we have seen. Go figure! \$30.

Only one of each of these three items are available. Email or phone to reserve them.

Please note: All orders require \$5 for postage and handling. This is a per order charge, not a per item charge. Order 1 or more for the flat \$5 postage and handling fee.

OUR NEW ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDAL WITH STATE QUARTER

We received our first shipment of our new silver medal, featuring the Alaska state quarter. The quarter is set into a depression in the medal and super glued in place.

It carries the legend "49th State" and "The Last Frontier." The reverse is our standard Denali "Great Land" die.

We have made 100 of these. The next striking may be modified so that the wedges along the side of the quarter are frosty. We asked them to do that this time, but it did not get done.

Price is \$30 per medal, and \$5 for postage and handling per order.

